SLSD Earns Momentum Award for 2018

Each year, the Ohio Department of Education awards school districts and schools that earn all A’s on Value Added Measures (how much a student grows academically in reading and math) stemming from state assessments. Students are tested in grades 3—10, in both reading and math. Our goal and mission each school year is to grow our students academically 1.5 years in just the nine months that we have them in our care. To make these types of gains requires tremendous instruction in the classroom and concrete assistance at home. When our schools and families work together, hand-in-hand, the results are significant gains in each subject area and overall student success. The Momentum Award started in 2016 and SLSD has earned this award each of the three years it has been in existence. We are just one of 2 school districts in Hamilton County (23 school districts) and one of 28 across the state (610 school districts) to accomplish this feat! Miamitown Elementary School also earned the Momentum Award and was named a High Progress school of honor for 2018. We had three schools earn the “Overall A” Award for earning a summative grade of A on their 2018 Building State Report Card. What all this means—we are making tremendous progress towards our mission and to earn awards speaking to such accomplishments is

Superintendent’s Message: Balance Matters

Happy New Year! As a child and teen, I remember the adults in my life constantly talking about how fast life goes and the importance of living every day to the fullest. I also remember rolling my eyes and thinking how great it was going to be in the summer or turning 16 and getting my drivers license. Now, as an adult, I find myself repeating those same messages to my kids and our students—live every day to the fullest, life does, in fact, move fast! The importance of balance becomes more and more apparent as we work closer to the end of the school year. Balance in a sense that school or work is just one facet of our daily lives. Time with family, friends and leisure is another key component.

There is a real push in life—to overcommit and get caught up in the throes of the day to day. From waking up early and getting to school, to sports and extracurriculars, squeeze in a family dinner, homework and then bed. Rinse, repeat and do it again the next day. Weekends often consist of sports, more sports and family commitments that may require travel.

All this said, it’s important to create balance in both your family’s calendar and your child’s life. Little things like turning off the radio or not allowing them to have their cell phone in the car, when you are driving to a game or practice and pushing engagement is powerful. Stress seems to really peak this time of year and we see it in the classroom as well. Setting goals each quarter—both academic and social, can make a significant difference in the short and long term. Take some time this winter and spring to “un-plug” and connect while with your children. Regardless of age, it’s an important exercise. Balance is a great habit to create early and often!
Hello! Thanks for your interest in our school. Here are some important dates coming up:

- HS Drama Production—Feb. 1
- Coffee with the Superintendent—Jan. 29
- New School Town Hall—Jan. 24
- Superintendents' Visits (No School) — Jan. 21
- Martin Luther King Day (No School) — Jan. 21

State Superintendent Visit & School Profiles

Our district welcomes students from all walks of life. Our Ohio School Report Card can be found at:

- HS/MS/ESL Proficiency in core content areas: 76%
- Performance Index—Improve to 86%
- State Report Card Indicators—Highest 100%
- Graduation Rate—99%
- Preparing for Success—75%
- K-2 Literacy—Grades A
- PK-5 Literacy—Grades C
- PK-8 Math—Grades A
- High School Graduation Rate—98%

Our mission and day to day activities:

In January 2019, the district has begun the process of submitting the School Improvement Plan to the Ohio State Board of Education. We are working on improving our school's performance and educational outcomes.

We are focusing on 8 major priorities for this school year and beyond:

- Increased attendance
- Improved academic performance
- Enhanced extracurricular opportunities
- Increased parental involvement
- Improved teacher effectiveness
- Enhanced school safety
- Improved school facilities
- Improved school resources

Student performance:

- 100% student participation in an extra-curricular activity
- 72% Preparing for Success
- 99% Graduation Rate
- 98% Performance Index
- 86% State Report Card Indicators

Our goal is to provide a safe and nurturing environment for all students. We are committed to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to succeed and achieve their full potential.

School News:

- Athletic upgrades continue
- New school library
- New school cafeteria
- New school gymnasium
- New school auditorium
- New school science lab
- New school art room
- New school music room
- New school technology center

On August 1, 2019, we will open our schools officially. We are excited to welcome our new students and their families. We look forward to a great school year!